



# Gainesville Daily Sun

## NINETEEN KILLED; TWENTY INJURED

### Terrible Wreck of Twentieth Century Limited Train.

#### DASHED INTO AN OPEN SWITCH

Train Was Running Seventy Miles an Hour When Accident Occurred—After the Wreck, Debris Caught Fire, Adding Horrors to Awful Scene.

Cleveland, O., June 23.—While traveling at the rate of 75 miles an hour the famous Twentieth Century Limited, the fastest long distance train in the world, ran through an open switch at the little town of Mentor, east of Cleveland, at 9:30 o'clock last night, causing one of the most terrible wrecks in the history of the Lake Shore road.

The engine was hurled into the ditch. A part of the train was crushed on top of it, and the wreck was partly burned. The horrors of the wreck were doubled in the horrors of the fire.

Nineteen people were killed and the famous train was demolished.

The train was crowded, practically all was accommodations being taken when it left this city. It was behind time, and the greatest of speed was being made to make up the lost time. Among the dead are:

Thomas R. Morgan, of the Wellman, Beaver, Morgan & Co. of Cleveland, O., was burned to death.

A. Bennett, patent attorney, New York.

A. C. Rogers, New York city.

N. B. Watters, baggageman, of Hamburg, N. Y.

Allen Tyler, of Colliwood, O., engineer.

H. H. Wright, traveling man.

I. C. Beckwith, New York.

Wireman Graham, of Colliwood, O.

J. H. Gibson, New York.

—Williams, first name and address unknown.

Five bodies not yet identified.

The injured:

At Cleveland General hospital: F. J. Grandt, 35 years old, Toledo, trainman. Aaron Gorham, Norwalk, O., fireman. James Bartley, Akron, O., traveling engineer. An unknown, fatally burned. Archibald Head, London, England; unknown seriously burned; C. Cordua, Brooklyn, N. Y. D. E. Arthur, Milwaukee, Wis.

At Lakeside hospital: Charles H. Wellman, of the Wellman, Beaver & Morgan Co., of Cleveland; unknown man, crushed and burned; Allen Flier, of Ashtabula, cut and bruised.

Missing: A. L. Johnson, of Colley, and Johnson, of Cleveland.

The barber and the porter of the combination car.

Late reports gave the number of injured as 21, and of these 15 are seriously, if not fatally, hurt. Practically all the injured were burned and had to be extricated from the blazing wreckage by rescue parties.

A peculiarly distressing feature of the rescue work was that the injured were so crazed when they were taken out of the wreckage that they could not even reveal their own identities. The urgent appeals and entreaties made by officials and others how anxiously news from the wreck was awaited by families of the passengers.

The rescue work was finally given to the rescue parties in the identification might in that the wreckage was so badly damaged, but even when the bodies were recovered to some could not be identified.

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was known that a number of injured were helpless in the wreck, but though the work was done with frantic haste the flames gradually drove the rescuers were driven away from the blazing combination coach and the imprisoned passengers were incinerated.

Despite their help the fire burned until after midnight and the last black and burned corpse was not recovered from the funeral pyre until 1 o'clock.

While there is no reason to know why any one should tamper with the switch the officials do not believe the accident would have taken place with the switch properly set and in position.

Mentor, the scene of the wreck, is the home of the widow of the late President James A. Garfield. Mrs. Garfield has lived in Mentor for a number of years. Her residence, however, is about two miles west of where the wreck occurred.

A quantity of first-class mail was destroyed by the fire which consumed all except the two rear coaches. The mail largely composed of through pouches from the west and destined for eastern points.

#### WILL RECEIVED D. DEGREE.

Faculty of Williams College Will Confer Same on President.

Williamstown, Mass., June 23.—President Roosevelt, who reached here last evening after a busy day at Worcester spent the night at the home of President Henry Hopkins, of the Williams college, which institution today will confer upon the president the somewhat unusual degree of LL.D.

The morning was cloudy, but there was a promise of a fair day. The town is filled with visitors. The president who, was greatly refreshed by a quiet night's rest, faced a day of activity, which, according to arrangements, called not only for his participation in the commencement exercises, but the delivery of an address to the people of Williamstown, an early departure of his return to Washington with speeches to be made at North Adams and Pittsfield, and possibly other places, as his train passed through.

#### SHE GOES WITH PEARY.

Plucky Maine School Teacher Will Assist to Find North Pole.

Norway, Me., June 23.—Love for adventure and a desire to be the first woman to reach the north pole, has caused Miss Mamie Babo to abandon school teaching to go, she says, with Lieutenant Commander Robert E. Peary in his quest for the north pole. From the peak of the explorer's new steamer will float an American flag presented to Miss Babo by her pupils at the little school at North Harpswell.

Mrs. Peary and her daughter Marie, 12 years old, also will be passengers on the Roosevelt, but they will return home when the steamer arrives at the point where relief supply stations are to be established. Miss Babo says she will stick to the ship until the end.

#### K. of H. Meeting Ended.

Atlanta, June 23.—The biennial convention of the supreme lodge of the Knights of Honor, which had been in session at the convention hall of the Piedmont hotel eight days, has adjourned after one of the liveliest meetings of the session. The entire schedule of rates governing the insurance part of the order was changed and a double system of assessment, the step and level, was substituted for the step system, which had been in use previously. In addition to this the rates were raised. The new system will go into effect in September, and the supreme dictator will issue an official circular, giving the new rates and the reasons therefor, a copy of which circular will be mailed to every member of the order.

#### Twenty-Two Killed By Coonachs.

Leds, June 23.—Twenty-two persons were killed as the result of yesterday's firing by the druggists and Coonachs on a procession of workmen which was making a demonstration against the government. Two of the 100 wounded are dying. Two women were crushed to death in the rush of the panic-stricken crowds. This morning some workmen in revenge for last night's shooting shot and killed a Coonach and two policemen.

## FATAL EXPLOSION OF SAW MILL BOILER

### Men Hurled Into Eternity Without a Moment's Warning.

#### FOUR KILLED; SEVERAL INJURED

No Cause is Given of Cause of Awful Calamity—List of Those Killed and Injured—Explosion Occurred Near the Town of Attala, Ala.

Birmingham, Ala., June 23.—A special to the News from Attala, says the big boiler in the saw mill of the Curtis Attala Lumber plant, 2 miles from that place, exploded this morning, killing four men and wounding two others. The dead are:

James Watts.

Will Rosson.

Gus Cash.

Marion Maddox.

C. Smith was fatally hurt and Barney Works seriously injured.

#### GYMNASTIC UNION MEETS.

Twenty-Ninth Annual Session Being Held in Indianapolis.

Indianapolis, Ind., June 23.—The twenty-ninth festival of the North American Gymnastic union, which has gathered on the state fair grounds, over 3,000 German-American athletes from twenty-nine states in this country, representing 175 turnvereins and a picked team from Germany, representing 800,000 members of the German-American Gymnastic association, began its work here after the formal opening of last night.

At the state fair grounds the athletes turned out of their tents to the sound of the reveille at 6 o'clock and after a hearty breakfast were escorted to the German house to take part in the festival parade, to witness which great crowds had gathered along the downtown streets.

The parade was a gorgeous spectacle, for which the committee had been preparing for several months.

#### Killed by Cigarettes.

Melrose, Mass., June 23.—After smoking five boxes of cigarettes from 12 o'clock midnight to 4 a. m., while canoeing with a party of friends in a pond here, Phillip Weller, 23 years old, of East Watertown, fell from a landing into the water and died suddenly from heart disease before his companions could pull him out. Weller and a number of companions had been canoeing and had arrived at the boat landing. All the party got out except Weller, who tripped and fell into the water. A boat oar was handed him to grasp, but death was instantaneous.

#### Will Probe Army Scandal.

London, June 23.—After the matter had been discussed by the cabinet and in consequence of the widespread dissatisfaction at the suggestion that the investigation of the South African army stories scandal should be submitted to a select committee of the house of commons, Premier Balfour today announced in the house that the government decided to appoint a royal commission fully to inquire into the scandal. The house voted the late speaker, Mr. Gully, \$20,000 yearly on his retirement, so as to enable him sittingly to maintain the title which the king intends to bestow on him.

#### New Orleans Banker Dead.

New Orleans, June 23.—Joseph L. Herwig, four times president of the New Orleans Stock exchange, director in a number of banks and other institutions, and wealthy, died today at the age of 61. He was born in Port-Au-Prince, while his father, then of Baltimore, was United States consul there.

#### Habeas Corpus Writ Denied.

Brattleboro, Vt., June 23.—The habeas corpus petition of Mrs. Mary Rogers, under sentence of death for the murder of her husband, was denied by Judge Wheeler, sitting as a justice of the United States circuit court today.

#### TRAGEDY IN ALABAMA TOWN.

Man is Shot and Killed by Postmaster of Dothan, Ala.

Dothan, Ala., June 23.—Robert J. Barnes was shot and instantly killed by Byron Trammell. Barnes boarded with Trammell, and as he entered the door Trammell fired on him twice, without speaking a word, one ball entering the eye and the other the left arm. Barnes died instantly.

Trammell surrendered himself to the sheriff, and will not make a statement, but was heard to remark immediately after the shooting that Barnes had wrecked his home.

Both men stood well here, Trammell having been appointed postmaster of Dothan, over a year ago, succeeding W. W. Millikin, and came here from Montgomery, where he had held an office in the collector of internal revenue department. Barnes came here about a year ago from Georgia, and has a brother in law, Mr. Howard, living in Atlanta, a married sister in Macon, and one in Bremen, Germany. His mother is also living in Georgia. He was an unmarried man.

#### NO COMMITMENT TRIAL.

For the Persons Charged with Killing Carter Children.

Valdosta, Ga., June 23.—No commitment trial for J. G. Rawlings and his three boys, charged with the murder of Fannie and Willie Bell Carter was held for the reason that the officers feared that a lynching might result. When the situation was explained to Rawlings he promptly said he would waive a preliminary hearing.

John R. Cooper, a well known criminal lawyer of Macon, who has participated in some of the largest murder cases in the south has been employed by Rawlings to defend him and his three sons. Mr. Cooper is now in Valdosta going over the case with the father and sons and is preparing his defense. Judge Mitchell, who was here yesterday has set the third Monday in July as the day for the hearing in the superior court, having called a special term for the purpose. The jurors have been drawn and will be subpoenaed in a few days.

#### Against Sunday Baseball.

Jacksonville, Fla., June 23.—A warrant was issued by Justice of the Peace Farris for the arrest of William C. West, president of the Jacksonville Amusement company, owners of the Jacksonville baseball franchise of the South Atlantic League, charging him with violating the law prohibiting the playing of baseball on Sunday. The warrant was not served today, but will be served tomorrow morning. It is understood that the warrants was issued at the instigation of the franchise owners, who are anxious to have the law tested as to its constitutionality.

#### Grafters Not Wanted.

Birmingham, Ala., June 23.—What is known as the "anti-graft" ordinance was passed by the city council of Birmingham. The measure provides that no city official or employee of the city shall be interested, directly or indirectly, in any contract for work to be done for the city or for the purchase of any city supplies. A severe penalty is provided for violations of the ordinance.

#### River Improvement Convention.

Memphis, Tenn., June 23.—Many delegates from Missouri, Arkansas and Tennessee are in the city attending the convention of the St. Francis River improvement association. Addresses were delivered by United States Senators E. W. Carmack, of Tennessee, and William J. Stone, of Missouri, Congressman M. R. Patterson, of Tennessee and Hon. R. B. Macon, of Arkansas.

#### Woman Refused \$30,000.

Davenport, Iowa, June 23.—Refusing \$30,000 rather than change her religion by becoming a Catholic, is the threat by which Mrs. Lucinda Genson, of this city, has astonished her friends. Charles Simpson, a wealthy friend of the Genson family, recently died in Sacramento, Cal., and Mrs. Genson has received word that he left her \$30,000 in his will on condition that she become a Catholic.

## COUNTRIES ENGAGED IN SELECTING MEN

### Who Will Represent Them In Peace Conference.

#### M. NELIDOFF MAY BE RELIEVED

It is Now Up to Japan to Say as to Whether There Shall Be a Cessation of Hostilities in the Far East—Far Eastern News in Brief.

St. Petersburg, June 23.—The Russ says it is authorized to say that Count Cassini, the retiring Russian ambassador at Washington, will not participate in the peace negotiations, but will leave the United States immediately on the arrival of Baron de Rosen, his successor.

From independent sources the Associated Press confirms the statement of the Russ that Count Cassini will have no part in the peace negotiations. Foreign Minister Lamsdorff is indignant. It is understood his condition is not serious, but his physician was called in last night and ordered the minister not to leave his bed room today. There is no intimation, however, that this will appreciably delay the pending negotiations. The question of a temporary suspension of hostilities seems to rest with Japan. In the meantime the chancelleries of St. Petersburg and Tokio are occupied with the selection of the plenipotentiaries. As stated in these dispatches last night, it can now be regarded as settled that they will number three on each side.

An important consideration requiring adjustment is the desire of each country to appoint negotiators of equal rank and this increases the probability that M. Witte, president of the commission of ministers, may be one of the Russian plenipotentiaries if Japan names the Marquis Ito, president of the Japanese council. It is possible that M. Nelidoff, Russian ambassador at Paris, will not go to Washington. As dean of the Russian diplomatic corps he was the first choice of the foreign office, but he is of advanced age, and his health is not robust. Besides, M. Nelidoff is an exceedingly bad sailor and it is still an open question whether he may not ask to be relieved of his mission. In such an event, it is considered certain that Baron Rosen will be appointed.

#### City to Own Tenement Houses.

New York, June 23.—Leading labor men have decided to aid in the movement for municipal tenement houses started by Alexander Law of the Christian Workingmen's Institute. Mr. Law's scheme has received the endorsement of the Church Association for the advancement of the interests of Labor, of which Bishop Potter is president. Charles Obeymayer, former president of the Central Federated union, said he would submit the municipal tenement house plan to labor organizations for endorsement. "I will place it before west side organizations especially," said he. "They are the ones most interested."

#### Country Homes Are Robbed.

New York, June 23.—Under the guise of a telephone inspector, two men are reported by the Americans to have robbed the country home of a prominent corporation lawyer, doing business in New York and Boston. Diamonds and other jewelry of the intrinsic value of \$25,000, but of inestimable value as heirlooms, were secured by the thieves. A reward of \$1,000 has been offered for their capture.

#### Beef Trust on Trial.

Chicago, June 23.—Many witnesses were summoned by the federal grand jury in the hearing of the beef trust charges Tuesday. For that reason the inquiry may not be ended until next week. Meantime Assistant Attorney General Fagan is said to be drawing indictments, the number of which is left to speculation. No hint has been given concerning the persons likely to be indicted.